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REMARKS

Overview

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These remarks are set forth in supplement to the response to the Non-Final Office Action. As this supplemental amendment is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period, neither a petition for an extension of time nor a petition fee is required. Presently, claims 1 through 19 are pending in the Patent Application. Claims 1, 11 and 18 are independent in nature. In the Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,930,512 to Knott et al. (Knott).

In the helpful personal interview of May 28, 2008, Applicants' representative and Examiner reached agreement on the claim amendment to claim 1 included herein. Applicants again thank Examiner for the most helpful guidance and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) owing to the amended claim 1. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted.

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